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**2006 HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS ART CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED;
AWARD CEREMONY SET FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2006, 10:00 AM
HAWAII SUPREME COURTROOM**

The Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) today announced the statewide winners of its 2006 Civil Rights Contest for students of grades 4 -6 in charter, private and public schools. The theme of the Contest was, "What can we do in our daily lives to promote civil rights and diversity in our society?" as part of the celebration of the life and works of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the civil rights movement.

Joint sponsors this year included the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission; State of Hawai'i, Department of Education; Hawaiian Telcom; Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools; the Honolulu Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League; and the Student Equity, Excellence & Diversity Program at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

The winners will be honored at a ceremony on **Friday, April 28, 2006, 10 am, at the Hawai'i Supreme Courtroom, Ali'iolani Hale, 417 South King Street, Honolulu,** reception to follow.

The Winners of the 2006 Hawai'i Civil Rights Art Contest are:

4th Grade

**Kevin Davis, Volcano School of Arts & Sciences (1st place)
Student of Ms. Devorah Kaplan; Principal Dr. David Rizor**

5th Grade

**Heather Lewis, Volcano School of Arts & Sciences (tied for 1st place)
Student of Ms. Devorah Kaplan; Principal, Dr. David Rizor**

and

**Mindy Silva, Honoka'a Elementary School (tied for 1st place)
Student of Ms. Cindy Sharp; Principal, Ms. Katherine Tolentino**

6th Grade

**Koral Linser, Kapa'a Middle School (1st place)
Student of Mr. T. Cox; Principal, Mr. Jason Kuloloia**

**Maile Riehl & Leisa Lovett, both of Kailua Elementary School (tied for
2nd place). Students of Ms. C. Malphus; Principal, Ms. Lanelle Hibbs**

Volcano School of Arts & Sciences is a charter school. All others are public schools. Neighbor Island students and their parent or guardian will be flown into Honolulu for the ceremony. First place winners receive \$50.00 and their classes receive \$100.00. Second place winners receive \$25.00 and their class receives \$50.00.

According to HCRC Executive Director William Hoshijo, "In conjunction with Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, the contest seeks to encourage children to reflect upon Dr. King's life and work, the civil rights movement, and what they can do in their daily lives to promote civil rights and diversity. In addition to drawing a picture to illustrate their idea, students are asked to write one or two lines explaining their concept at the bottom of their

picture. We were very pleased at the diversity and quality of art received, and we are especially pleased to realize the Commission's goal of making this a truly statewide event."

NOTE: Electronic files of the winning art are attached to the email version of this press release and will be posted on the HCRC website at www.hawaii.gov/labor/hcrc.

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